

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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29 November 1979

Minutes

Two Hundred and Twenty-sixth Meeting
Wednesday, 28 November 1979, 1000-1230 Hours
Room 7D32, Langley Headquarters Building

Robert W. Gambino
Chairman
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Mr. Robert B. Finzel, Federal Bureau of Investigation

25X1A [] Defense Intelligence Agency

Col. Herbert Kamm, Department of the Air Force

Mr. Merrill T. Kelly, Department of the Army

25X1A [] Central Intelligence Agency

25X1 [] National Security Agency

Col. Nathan Lindsay, Secretary of the Air Force, Space Systems

Mr. D. Jerry Rubino, Department of Justice

Mr. Richard Welch, Department of the Navy

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mr. Gerald Berkin, Department of the Navy

Mr. David McCabe, Department of State

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ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Maynard Anderson, Office of the Secretary of Defense

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Mr. Cyril F. Frank, Justice/Drug Enforcement Agency

Mr. Wallace Gilliam, Department of State

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25X1A [redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
National Security Agency
Mr. Jon Lechevet, Department of State

25X1A [redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
Central Intelligence Agency
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National Security Agency
Mr. William H. Randolph, Department of Commerce

25X1A [redacted] National Security Agency
Central Intelligence Agency
(Rear Adm USN, Ret.), OSA/DCI/CI

25X1A [redacted] National Security Agency
Mr. Donald Stigers, Department of State
Mr. Albert J. Vada, Department of Energy

25X1 [redacted], Executive Secretary, Security Committee
Messrs. [redacted] 25X1A
and [redacted] Community Security Group

*Present for Part of Meeting

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BRIEFING ON FEDERAL SECURE TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Chairman advised that DCI tasking to him on what might be done to afford better protection to sources and methods information disseminated throughout the Community addressed, among other things, increased availability of secure telephones. Mr. Gambino introduced [redacted] of CIA's Office of Communications, to brief members on this subject. [redacted]

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[] Mr. Gambino said the Committee should consider what minimum security policy is needed on use of the units, within a framework which recognizes that they must be available to meet the needs of top officials away from their offices. He tasked the Committee staff to pursue this. []

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Mr. Gambino asked whether Washington area black telephone calls were transmitted by microwave or land lines. [] said checks with cognizant telephone company officials showed that all local calls were carried by land line. He said this did not apply for other metropolitan areas, some of which used microwave links for local calls. It was noted that many long distance calls coming into the Washington area are carried on microwave circuits. []

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[] NSA, advised that NSA has a briefing for senior officials on telephone security which he thought could be provided to the Committee. Members expressed interest in such, and Mr. Gambino asked [] to make appropriate arrangements. []

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PRELIMINARY COMMENTS

1. The Chairman welcomed and introduced Colonel Nathan Lindsay as a new member of the Committee representing [] and Mr. Gerald Berkin as the new alternate member for Navy. []

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2. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Army for the useful and interesting visit he had had to their 650th MIG in Belgium during his recent trip abroad. []

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3. The Chairman advised members that the second draft of the APEX security manual was in final stages of preparation based on NFIB agency comments. He said [] would distribute the resultant product to the NFIB working group. []

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4. The Chairman noted that the proposed DCID 1/14 adjudication guidelines were encountering delays. []

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5. The Chairman advised that almost all members had concurred in the second draft revision of DCID 1/11. He said CIA comments had been accommodated, but noted that NSA objections might be difficult to reconcile. Mr. Gambino advised that [] would speak later in the meeting on concerns about the mission of the Computer Security Subcommittee. []

6. The Chairman noted that CIA had been asked to respond to some of the questions from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in their report on personnel security, with particular reference to the polygraph. He said the Committee's Investigative Standards Working Group was compiling data on and preparing a draft response to the report's findings and recommendations in response to tasking by the Executive Secretary for Committee consideration. []

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7. The Chairman noted that many agencies are compiling information of security interest bearing on the Iran situation. He asked members to provide material they considered appropriate and of general security interest to the Executive Secretary for compilation of a Community data base. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Gambino said all agencies should try to keep field holdings of classified information down to the absolute minimum to minimize damage in case of takeovers and to ease emergency destruction. He suggested the need for redundancy in destruction systems to allow for such things as mechanical failure and loss of power. Mr. McCabe, State, said a common problem in the field was underestimation of how much classified material was held locally and overestimation of the capability of destruction systems. He suggested the need for regular inspections and drills to correct problems early and to ensure adequate training for emergencies. [REDACTED] NSA, said he had been tasked to request the Committee to consider development of emergency destruction systems. In response to this request, Mr. Gambino asked [REDACTED] to have the R&D Subcommittee survey the Community to identify what was available and report to the Committee at an early meeting. [REDACTED] described Community actions underway in this area, and said that while it was now practicable to destroy microfiche, repeated studies demonstrated that it was virtually impossible to destroy quickly large quantities of paper documents. [REDACTED]

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ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 19 September 1979 meeting were approved as written. []

ITEM 2: Subcommittee and Working Group Reports

a. Computer Security - [] said he felt compelled in the face of strong objections to withdraw his request to have DCID 1/11 expand the mission of his subcommittee to include the security of intelligence communicated by computer. He said he thought the Committee should interface with the National Communications Security Committee chaired by Dr. Dinneen to help support security measures developed by the latter body. [] advised that his Subcommittee was initiating a revision of DCID 1/16. He invited Committee members to submit suggestions. He said they had issued the first of a planned series of "notes" on computer security issues. [] noted potential security problems associated with maintenance of magnetic card typewriters, and he advised of efforts to develop a data system which would permit field elements to do without paper files. []

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c. Unauthorized Disclosures Investigations - [redacted] 25X1A
advised that Community agency General Counsels, joined by
Assistant Attorney General Phillip Heymann, met at the
[redacted] recently to discuss intelligence
leaks. [redacted] reportedly offered little hope of Justice
action towards prosecution of leakers based on a political
judgment that such action in domestic cases was unduly harsh.
[redacted] said a paper was being drafted under NSC/SCC auspices
to try to establish guidelines for authorized disclosures and
to task the Attorney General to prosecute a leak case for
exemplary effect. He noted objections from State on the
first item and from Justice on the second. [redacted]

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d. Security Awareness - [redacted] said they hoped to
complete the security orientation briefing for senior officials
by the end of 1979. He noted that data they had disseminated
earlier on the 1980 Moscow Olympics seemed to have met a need
and may have contributed to decisions by cleared persons not
to attend. [redacted] advised that some persons involved
in his working group's activity could benefit from greater
support and guidance from their Security Committee principals.
[redacted] also noted that some members of his group were
drawn from departmental elements not normally associated with
SCI matters and they therefore lacked appreciation of the
sensitivity of compartmented information. [redacted]

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e. Security Advisory Group USSR - Mr. Lechevet, State
security officer in Moscow here for consultations, said
Soviet construction efforts for the new US Embassy were
on schedule and expected to remain so. He advised that US
security personnel dedicated to new embassy security are
to arrive on scene in early 1980. Mr. Lechevet said US
personnel have full access to the building site. Mr. Gilliam,
State headquarters, said the Advisory Group had recently
completed a security review of the construction plan and

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would soon refer some issues to the Security Committee for support. He advised that Moscow housing for US security personnel remains a serious problem, and noted that what has been arranged is coming out of current housing available to the Embassy staff in Moscow since the Soviets are not forthcoming with more quarters. He emphasized that unless we can break the impasse with the Soviets on housing the success of our overall security plan for the new building is very much in doubt. He said the Advisory Group hoped the DCI could support at the most senior levels the need for firm US action on this issue. Mr. Gilliam noted that any progress on the issue of replacing Soviet local hire employees in the US Embassy, Moscow with Americans was contingent upon a firm resolve by the US Government to do so and the need for early resolution of resource questions and the early and positive identification of persons willing and able to so serve. [redacted] suggested that departments and agencies consider making some of their language and junior officer trainees available for such duty. It was noted that the menial character of some of the tasks would make it difficult to obtain volunteers. [redacted]

f. ITC Resources - [redacted] reporting for [redacted] distributed copies of a status report on the review of Interagency Training Center resource needs. He invited attention to the need for those agencies which make substantial use of the ITC (Army, Navy, Secret Service, State and FBI) promptly to designate representatives to the working group so that the review will reflect balanced consideration of Community interests and resources. [redacted]

g. Investigative Standards - [redacted] summarized the background and content of the HPSCI hearings on personnel security. He distributed copies of and discussed a proposed response by the Committee to the recommendations in the HPSCI report. Committee members were asked to review the draft response and comment thereon to the Executive Secretary not later than 28 December 1979. Mr. Anderson, Defense, noted the need for extensive coordination on many of the matters dealt with in the draft. [redacted]

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ITEM 3: Espionage Case Briefing

(Postponed to a later meeting because of time considerations.) ☐

ITEM 4: DCID 1/7

Colonel Kamm briefly described Compartmentation Subcommittee consideration of the proposed revision of DCID 1/7. He noted they had agreed to retain the NOFORN control after extensive deliberation. He said that while such control might be redundant in some instances, there were perceived needs to use it to flag information of particular sensitivity and to guard against inadvertent foreign release. ☐ DIA, discussed his proposal to have the DCID's appendix on release of information to contractors include provision for an optional marking to highlight the presence of intelligence data. Members agreed to table this and to forward the draft revision to the DCI recommending NFIB approval. ☐

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ITEM 5: New Business

a. Mr. Rubino, Justice, distributed for members' information and discussed a press release on the conviction of high officials of the Church of Scientology with an accompanying copy of the indictment. He said that since it appeared that Scientology personnel were continuing attempts to penetrate Government agencies, members might find the details of the criminal case useful in assessing their departments' security procedures. ☐

b. Mr. Finzel, FBI, advised that they had been directed by the SCC to prepare within 90 days an action proposal on increasing awareness and better reporting by US personnel in all three branches of government of hostile intelligence contacts and recruitment approaches. ☐

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ITEM 6: Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members of the Committee Christmas lunch to be held at the Ft. McNair Officers' Club on Wednesday, 19 December 1979. The next regular business meeting of the Committee will be on call of the Chairman.

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